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**PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR PATENT ABANDONED  
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Docket Number (Optional)

First named inventor:

PETER A MILLER

Application No.:

09/242072

Art Unit:

1724

Filed:

14 January 2000

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**APPLICANT HEREBY PETITIONS FOR REVIVAL OF THIS APPLICATION**

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- (1) Petition fee;
- (2) Reply and/or issue fee;
- (3) Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee --required for all utility and plant applications filed before June 8, 1995; and for all design applications; and
- (4) Statement that the entire delay was unintentional.

1. Petition fee

no fee required (see P.D. letter 8 JUNE 2004 / RC Tang)

☐ Small entity-fee \$ (37 CFR 1.17(m)). Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

☐ Other than small entity - fee \$ (37 CFR 1.17(m))

2. Reply and/or fee

A. The reply and/or fee to the above-noted Office action in

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☒ has been filed previously on 31.05.2002 / 06.08.2002 / 11.03.2003

☐ is enclosed herewith.

B. The issue fee of \$

☐ has been paid previously on

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- ☐ Since this utility/plant application was filed on or after June 8, 1995, no terminal disclaimer is required.
- ☐ A terminal disclaimer (and disclaimer fee (37 CFR 1.20(d)) of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for a small entity or \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for other than a small entity) disclaiming the required period of time is enclosed herewith (see PTO/SB/63).

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☒ Reply

☐ Terminal Disclaimer Form

☐ Additional sheets containing statements establishing unintentional delay

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Re: Application Miller  
App. No : 09/242,072  
Filed : 14 January 2000  
"Apparatus for liquid purification"

Your letter dated 8 June 2004  
R C Tang, Petitions Attorney

Dear Sirs,

Enclosed are the completed forms as requested.

This pertains to the revival of my application that was unintentionally abandoned in the course of the examination process by Mr Cintins. I have claimed during the latter stages of the examination that apart from matters of form the application was in the condition of Allowance since my reply dated 31 May 2002 (App.5) to the Office Action 10 March 2002 (OA7).

In the subsequent exchanges,

- Office Action 23 June 2002 (OA8) / Reply 6 August 2002 (App.6)
- Office Action 12 December 2002 (OA10) / Reply 11 March 2003 (App.App.8),

disregarding all the intervening Petitions and PO Declarations there remains nothing for me as applicant to answer for regarding the examiners comments and objections and there is nothing technically now standing in the way of Allowance. I therefore now request that the examiner should be advised to enter any of the outstanding non-entered amendments and conclude the examination.

During the period cited above I was not aware that I had committed any infringement concerning dead-lines and the condition of abandonment that resulted was entirely unintentional.

Yours sincerely,

  
Peter Miller

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**Background (OA=Office Action / App.=Applicant's Action):**

1999

(App.1) 1999 January 29: IPC application transmittal letter with Declaration mailed to USPTO - "Apparatus for liquid purification".

2000

(OA1) 2000 January 14: USPTO filing date.  
 (OA2) 2000 Sept. 20: Application forwarded to National Stage Processing Branch of PTO by PCT Legal Office  
 (App.2) 2000 October 9: Applicant mailed amended IPC claims (marked up and clean) to comply with USPTO regulations.  
 (OA3) 2000 October 25: PTO mailed Filing Receipt (Acknowledgement of receipt of nonprovisional Patent Application (09/242.072)).

2001

(OA4) 2001 March 3: **PTO mailed Office examination action / 1<sup>st</sup> Final Rejection**

(App.3) 2001 April 2: Applicant mailed response to 1<sup>st</sup> Final Rejection  
 (OA5) 2001 Sept. 3: Statutory 6 months from date of mailing of Final Rejection allowed to lapse by the PTO Examiner.

(OA6) 2001 October 2: Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121) mailed by Legal Instruments Examiner (Marked-up Amendments of Description and Claims I in Applicants response 2001, April 2 not supplied in "clean" version as well)

(App.4) 2001 October 20: "Clean" versions timely mailed to PTO.

2002

(OA7) 2002 March 10: **PTO mailed Office examination action / 2<sup>nd</sup> Final Rejection**

(App.5) 2002 May 31: Applicant mailed response to 2<sup>nd</sup> Final Rejection.

**APPLICATION NOW IN A CONDITION OF ALLOWANCE**

(OA8) 2002, June 23: Office Action

(App.6) 2002 August 6: Applicant's response to Office Action 2002, June 23

(OA9) 2002 August 23: PTO communication

(App.7) 2002 Sept. 5: Petition by Applicant to Commissioner

(OA10) 2002 Dec. 12: Office action

2003

(OA11) 2003 January 6: PTO communication (Technology Center 1700)  
 PETITION DISMISSED / NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT

(OA12) 2003 January 13: Office communication / NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT

(App.8) 2003 March 11: Applicant's response to OA10 (12 December 2002)

(App.9) 2003 March 26: Applicant's PETITION to the Commissioner